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## Observatory Records Saved From Flames

Melbourne, Feb. 5. Australian scientists, defying an order to quit today, saved valuable astronomical records from raging bushfires which did an estimated £100,000 damage at Mount Stromlo Observatory, Canberra.

Raging fires from grazing country had slipped across tinder-dry grass into the pine forest of Mount Stromlo, where Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh were to have gone riding during their coming tour, and in two hours it reached the Observatory buildings.

Tonight, Dr R. Woolley, the Commonwealth Astronomer, said that damage to equipment was likely to be about £A50,000, with another £A50,000 for buildings.

Dr Woolley described the workshops lost as some of the finest of their kind in the world. Optical instruments destroyed were likely to take at least two years to replace.

### GOVT HOUSE ESCAPES

Canberra police said that the blaze had burnt out the Observatory but other reports said that the part of the Observatory housing telescopes and other astronomical instruments was apparently unharmed.

The fire also reached to within a few hundred yards of Government House grounds, Yarralumla, but the wind changed and a thunderstorm of rain and hail smothered the flames.

A late report tonight said that 11 people had been injured, some seriously burned, and 20 homes, a church and a post office destroyed in Victoria.

In New South Wales, thousands of sheep and cattle were killed and maimed by the fire.

Late tonight the wind which was driving the fire towards Gilgandra changed and the hamlet is now out of danger.

A man and his wife were killed in a collision while driving through a fire burning across a country road. — Reuter.

## BRITAIN'S KOREAN POLICY UNCHANGED

## Attlee Pledges Opposition Support For Government CENSURE MOTION AGAINST PRIME MINISTER

London, Feb. 5. The Labour Opposition today renewed its support for the country's 12-year-old bi-partisan foreign policy, after Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, had reassured them that Britain's Korean policy remained unchanged.

Earlier, in the House of Commons, the Labour leader, Mr Clement Attlee, had declared that Britain should not lend support to the suggestion of a blockade of the Chinese mainland—"a perfectly futile operation", as Mr Attlee put it.

Though renewing its support of Britain's bi-partisan foreign policy, the Opposition — unconvinced by explanations of the recent talks, which Mr Winston Churchill had in Washington — tabled a motion censuring the Prime Minister for failure to interpret Britain's policy adequately to the Americans.

Challenged by Labour members to clarify Mr Churchill's assurance to Congress of "prompt, resolute and effective" action if a Korean truce were broken, Mr Eden insisted that the only commitment which Mr Churchill had made was for "consultation among the interested powers, including Britain".

Labour's surprise move came after a meeting of the Party's Parliamentary Committee while a two-day foreign affairs debate, opened by Mr Eden, went on in the House.

The Labour motion, which does not amount to a censure of the Government as a whole, will be voted on tomorrow after Mr Churchill has replied to the debate.

The Labour motion read:

"That this House takes note of the Foreign Secretary's statement, welcome his observance to policy followed by His Majesty's previous Administration with regard to the Korean conflict and relations between Great Britain and China, but regrets the Prime Minister's failure to give adequate expression to this policy in the course of his recent visit to the United States."

### THE SPONSORS

The motion was tabled after a private meeting lasting nearly 90 minutes of the Labour Party's Parliamentary Committee which consists of Mr Attlee and about a dozen other leading Party members.

In addition to Mr Attlee two others sponsoring the motion are Mr Herbert Morrison, the last Foreign Minister, and Mr Kenneth Younger, who was Deputy Foreign Minister in the Labour government which Mr Churchill and his Party ousted in the general elections last year.

When he spoke in the House of Commons debate today Mr Attlee said that everyone had been struck by the different tone of the "no commitment" statement Mr Churchill had made in the House last week and the speech he had made to the American Congress when he had gone to the United States to meet President Truman.

"While he was in America Mr Churchill said that action would be "prompt, resolute and effective" if a Korean truce was breached."

Mr Attlee said, "It may be good statesmanship but I do not think it is good statesmanship." In America the speech made by the Prime Minister was interpreted as being a sharp change of policy.

"When he comes back here he makes a speech in an entirely different key and tells us that there has been no change whatever," Mr Attlee said.

### "UNFORTUNATE"

Mr Attlee said he thought it was unfortunate that the Prime Minister went out of his way in his speech to Congress to deal with the most difficult point of the whole question of a Far East settlement. "In order to my what we would all agree, that the Chinese Nationalists in Formosa should not be left to be massacred by the Communists."

When Mr Churchill added, "You agree with that?" Mr

### COMMENT OF THE DAY

## 100 Million Slaves

BETWEEN Western Europe and Russia lie nine nations which are completely enslaved to Moscow. Taking them from northwest to southeast, they are Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Albania and Bulgaria. They represent a white European population of about 100 millions. The weak indulgence shown to Russia by the West (and not least by America), during the later war years and on the war's conclusion, allowed the Soviet, in addition to its large direct annexations elsewhere, to deprive of freedom the whole of these nine nations, every one of which enjoyed sovereignty and genuine independence between the two world wars. The techniques employed have varied. In the case of the three small Baltic States — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — their territories have been incorporated in Russia and their native inhabitants have in great numbers been transported to Central Asia. For the larger of the victim-peoples — the Poles, Rumanians, Hungarians and Czechoslovakia — such treatment was scarcely practicable. The plan there, as also in Bulgaria and Albania, has been to set up Governments of native Communists ruling on Soviet lines, imposed and supported by the presence or the threat of Russian military force, and obedient to Moscow at every point. In form they remain independent countries, and as such some of them sit in the Assembly of United Nations; where together with the bogus States of the Ukraine and Byelo-Russia they constitute Russia's "satellites." These regimes are tyrannies of the grossest sort. They are intensely unpopular and, if Russian support were removed, would disappear overnight. The Russians are not unaware of this, and their first anxiety is to prevent any of the six "sovietised" countries from following the example of Yugoslavia and repudiating Moscow's domination. Yugoslavia has been able to do what she has for two reasons — first that her

Communist head, Marshal Tito, had acquired such a strong personal footing, and secondly that she had a powerful army entirely under Yugoslav control. The Soviet Government watches both these points. It is constantly changing the governing personnel of the satellite countries. Communist leaders in the highest posts are after brief tenures dismissed (often with a sequel of prosecution for alleged treachery), and others are promoted in their places. This Russian nervousness is not unjustified. In any future war the satellites might prove a decisive factor. Thrown heavily on the Soviet's side, they would represent a vast manpower as well as a broad defensive belt. Transferred to the Western side, they might hamstring the communications of the Russian armies attacking Western Europe. In these circumstances the Russians are straining every nerve to keep them on their side. What, if anything, is being done in the opposite sense? Obviously the question admits of no complete answer. Any secret action, in which Britain might be engaged, would have to be kept secret. But many of the most important forms of action must by their very nature be open such as the broadcasts of the BBC. With others again the difficulty is not to avert publicity from them but to give them enough of it. British people, while very familiar with the value of advertisement for commercial purposes, are seldom sufficiently alive to the importance of propaganda for political purposes, especially for foreign policy. The Russians make no such mistake, and the cleverness with which they propagandise in countries like France and Italy is matched only by their zeal to prevent counter-propaganda behind the Iron Curtain. In face of such a phenomenon nothing is more foolish than the attitude of folding our hands and saying Gladmanfully that we cannot compete. One sphere in which we cannot afford re-trenchment is this.

There was a noisy scene earlier when Mr Eden, in the course of his speech, affirmed his faith that the American Government and people are deeply anxious for peace in the Far East as we are ourselves." A questioner referred Mr Eden to statements made by the American Secretary of the Navy and the American Admiral Fechteler that "in the event of an armistice not being achieved war will be taken to the Chinese coast."

Mr Eden firmly replied, "The Americans want an armistice and it will be signed if it can be got."

Later, he declared (thought without explaining), "I hope that history will bear me out in a week or a fortnight, or whatever is, that they want an armistice if it can be got."

In the general debate which followed the speeches of Mr Eden and Mr Attlee, a Bavarian supporter, Mr John Freeman, said that the British people were not prepared to support an irresponsible war with China."

After three months of Mr Churchill's government he believed that they were nearer war (Cont'd. on back page, Col. 2). — Reuter.



Hero Arrives  
Home

Canal Zone Situation  
Relaxing Of  
Security Restrictions

Ismailia, Feb. 5. The British authorities today began the first stage of what they hope will be a progressive plan to relax the stringent security restrictions on the movement of civilians in the Suez Canal Zone.

But a military spokesman said that any large-scale lifting of the restrictions which in the past four months have transformed the Zone into an armed camp will not be put into effect until the Egyptian authorities show "by deeds rather than words" that they really mean to maintain law and order.

Under today's "Stage 1" relaxation, British road blocks and check-points will no longer search individuals passing to and from the Zone and the daily "ration" of oil tankers — hitherto restricted to 20 a day out of Suez — will be raised to 100.

Meanwhile the main problem confronting the British Headquarters is the morale of thousands of British troops forced to live in uncomfortable and overcrowded conditions.

All British Service personnel and civilian schoolteachers have been confined to heavily guarded camps during the hours of darkness — as long as 12 hours a day.

Even in daylight all Service men and women have armed guards to move out of their garrisons.

TRACKED DOWN  
MANBLOWN UP  
IN HIS CAR

San Mateo, Calif., Feb. 5.

A wealthy promoter of dog racing tracks across the nation started his Cadillac today and was blown to bits by a thunderous explosion, apparently from a dynamite bomb under the floorboards of his car.

The Police refused to give his name or to release any details about the alleged kidnapping attempt.

The refugee, however, told his story to a Swedish civilian before the Police came for him.

Just before this, the refugee was running so fast that he knocked over the civilian, Nils Wiklund, a technician employed by a company. Then the refugee turned back to Wiklund and shouted, "They are after me. Can you save me? Can you phone the Police?"

The man was shown to a telephone and he called the Police. While waiting for them he told Wiklund that a man whom he had never seen before had asked him to go along and have a look at his apartment.

As soon as he entered the building he became suspicious and when he noticed the word "Soviet" in big letters written on the wall, he decided to leave immediately. He was in the Soviet Embassy. — United Press.

## 5 KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

March Air Base, California, Feb. 5.

Five fliers were reported killed today and six were injured when a B-29 medium bomber hit a house near here and exploded.

Five injured men were taken to hospital.

Whether anyone was in the house at the time was not immediately known. The crash took place on the plane came in for a landing after a routine flight.

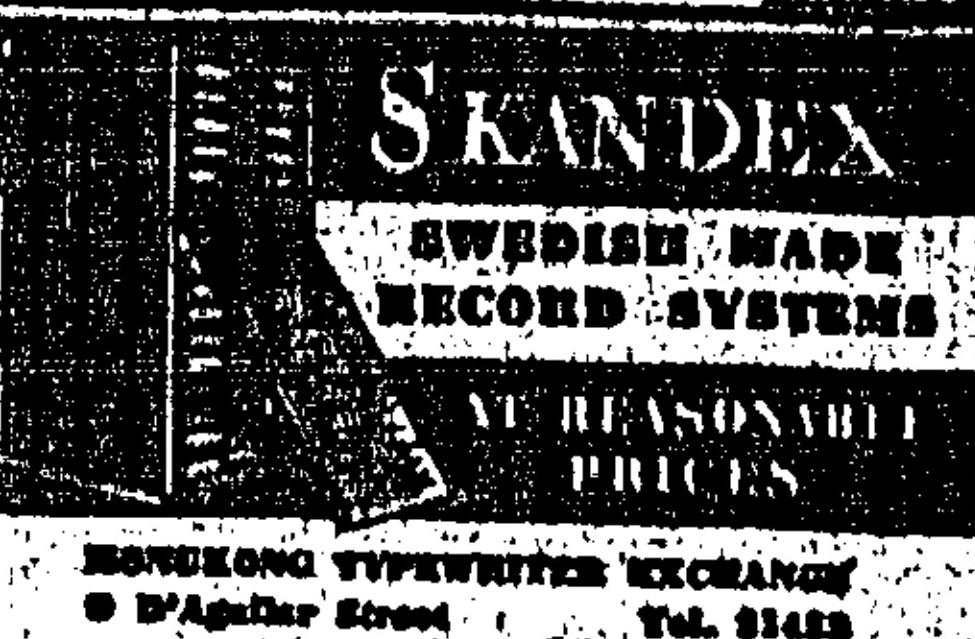
The Air Rescue Service reported that it carried a full crew of 11. The scene was on the outskirts of the town of Perris, a farming community of about 2,000 persons a few miles south of here. — Associated Press.

## WIFE MURDERER SENTENCED

London, Feb. 5.

Herbert Roy Harris, a 23-year-old brick worker of Queen's Avenue, Flint, was at the Flintshire Assizes today sentenced to death for murdering his wife, Eileen, aged 22.

The body of Mrs. Harris, mother of three children, was found on a railway bridge near Flint on December 8. The jury made a strong recommendation for mercy. — Reuter.



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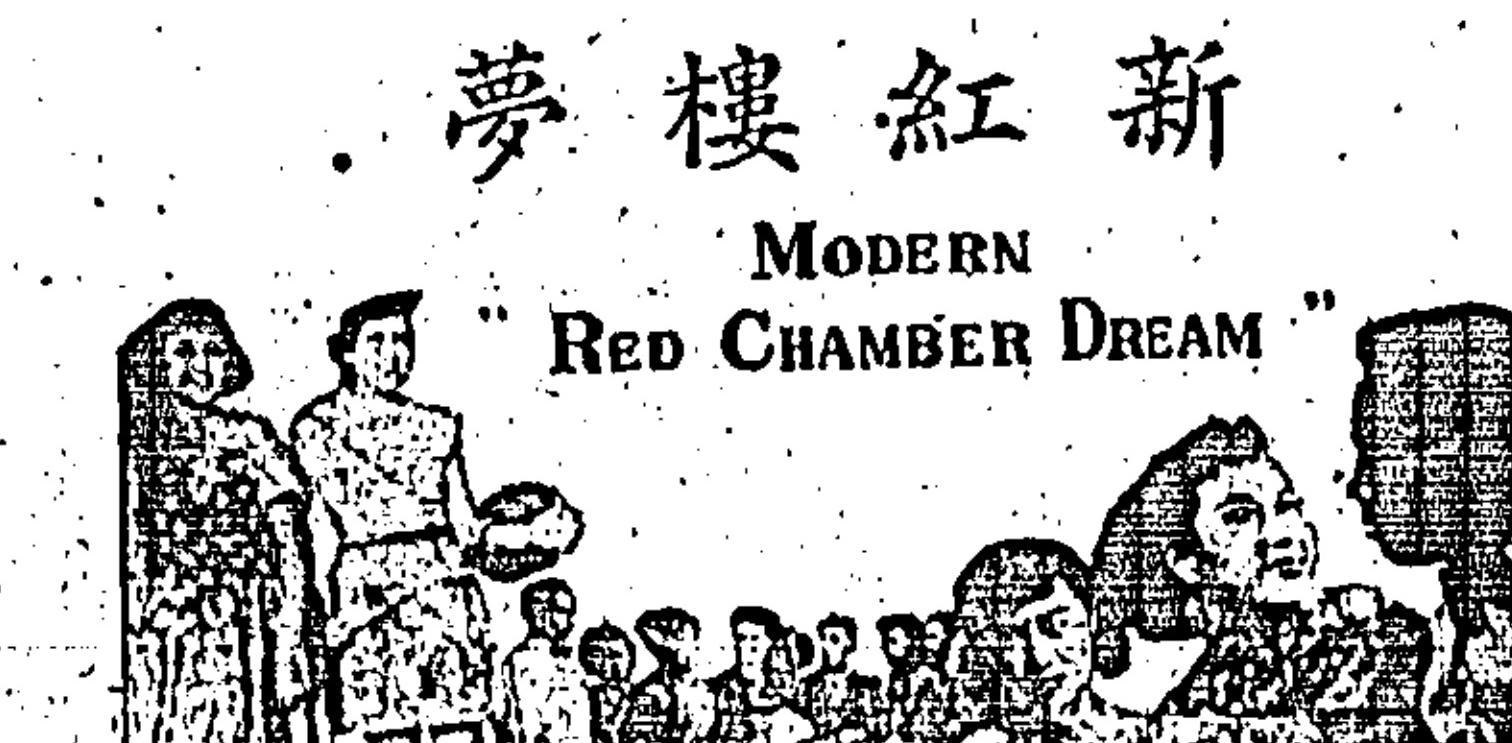
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**浴室****"BATHTUB MURDER CASE"**

A Chinese Picture in Mandarin Dialogue

**Outspoken Views On Spain****"IKE" SAID TO BE CRITICAL**

Paris, Feb. 5. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was quoted by an American labour leader today as saying that Spain does not have a free regime and would be kept out of the North Atlantic Treaty as long as he commands in Europe.

Officers at Gen. Eisenhower's Headquarters said the report could not be confirmed or denied since it concerned an off-the-record conversation.

The statement was reported to have been made at a luncheon for a group of European and American labour leaders at the General's Headquarters yesterday. One of the group, who asked that his name not be used, gave this account:

After a detailed briefing on the organisation of STAPe, a buffet lunch was served for the 13-man Executive Committee of the International Confederation of Free Unions (ICFTU).

A group of five or six—including the informant—was conversing with Gen. Eisenhower.

He explained that in his opinion there were three factors in European defence—economic, military and moral. They are all equal value and the weakness of any one meant a weakness of the whole, he said.

**A DEAL**

French and British delegates suggested that the moral weakness of Western support for Generalissimo Franco's dictatorship weakened its position against the Soviet dictatorship.

General Eisenhower replied that you had to weigh whether the military advantages outweighed the moral loss. He described it in terms of a deal—you could get some things from Spain without putting it on the same level as NATO. He went on to say that the labour men were insinuating that Spain was already admitted or about to be admitted into NATO.

That was not true, Gen. Eisenhower was reported to have said with some vehemence, and it would not be true as long as he was Supreme Commander.

According to the informant, he went on to say that Spain does not have a free regime and that he had no particular love for that kind of regime. On the other hand, he was said to have described Spain as a minor danger that can be handled in time, not on the same level as the much greater danger from Soviet Russia.

Gen. Eisenhower was also said to have pointed out that the West is supporting Marshal Tito and to have expressed the opinion that there was no difference between the regimes of Spain and Yugoslavia from the point of view of freedom.—Associated Press.

**FAURE TO ASK FOR VOTE**

Paris, Feb. 5. The Premier, Edgar Faure, was authorised today to stake the life of his three-week-old Cabinet against a Socialist-supported plan to hitch wages to skyrocketing French prices.

Opponents of the plan call it "built-in" inflation. It would push up wages.

A Cabinet meeting today decided that M. Faure ask for a vote of confidence on the sliding scale plan which he opposes. He prefers to cut prices rather than raise wages. Mr Faure heads a middle-of-the-road coalition but often depends on the Socialists to retain power.—Associated Press.

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**Royal Navy Submarine For France****HOPES INCREASE FOR ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL**

Paris, Feb. 5. The sixth General Assembly of the United Nations ended today, leaving the "cold war" slightly less frigid in one field and worsened in another.

The main accomplishment was in the breaking of the three-year-old deadlock in world disarmament. The Assembly set up a Disarmament Commission which has been promised new proposals both from America and Russia.

The Commission will meet in New York during the next few months, and diplomats quarters here believe that the areas of disagreement on both disarmament and the control of atomic energy may be narrowed.

But diplomats here are considerably worried by the impromptu statement of the Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, right at the end of the Assembly, that the third World war had already begun.

American officials have been studying this statement in the belief that the Soviet delegate might have unwittingly let slip an important indication of Soviet foreign policy.

They pay particular attention to reports that M. Malik appeared considerably embarrassed later when questioned on the full import of his statement.

**"BIG FOUR" TALKS?** The other main achievements were:

1.—The day has been prepared for possible high-level meetings of the "Big Four" to deal with fundamental problems.

2.—The State of Libya has been given official sanction and some nations have pledged to help this "child of the United Nations" through its first years.

3.—Nearly a million Palestine refugees have been promised relief for at least another year.

4.—The United Nations has for the first time taken a part in the German problem by appointing a commission to supervise all-German elections. Although this commission is not expected to do much this year, its first effect is considered in diplomatic quarters to be of some help in making a chink in the German "Iron Curtain."

5.—The administering Powers in colonial areas have been definitely placed on the defensive as regards trust and non-self-governing territories. The pressure during the Assembly from smaller nations has been to bring the living conditions of subject peoples under closer international scrutiny.

**RUSSIAN BLUNDERS** Many diplomats have noticed a weakening in the Soviet intellectual skill in dealing with day-to-day Assembly affairs.

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, the Soviet Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, was guilty of what was generally regarded as a major blunder when he told the world that he had "laughed all night" at a Western disengagement plan.

The Soviet Minister himself, it was noticed, had lost a good deal of his earlier fire and rolled more than once.

**Unanimous Request**

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Monte Carlo  
Car Rally



Mrs E. M. Wisdom sits on the bonnet of her Sunbeam-Talbot while her co-driver, Miss S. Van Damm, makes use of her compact at the Paris control point during the Monte Carlo Rally. The starting point of the two British women was Glasgow. — Express Service.

### BOAC Makes A Profit

London, Feb. 5. The State-owned British Overseas Airways Corporation announced today that it had made a profit for the first year since it was founded in 1940.

During 1951 the BOAC made an operating profit of £641,000 compared with a loss of £3,422,000 the previous calendar year. — Reuter.

### New Russian Fantasy

London, Feb. 5. Moscow Radio claimed today that it was a Russian who in 1891 invented the standard rifle of 0.3 inch calibre which is used by the American Army.

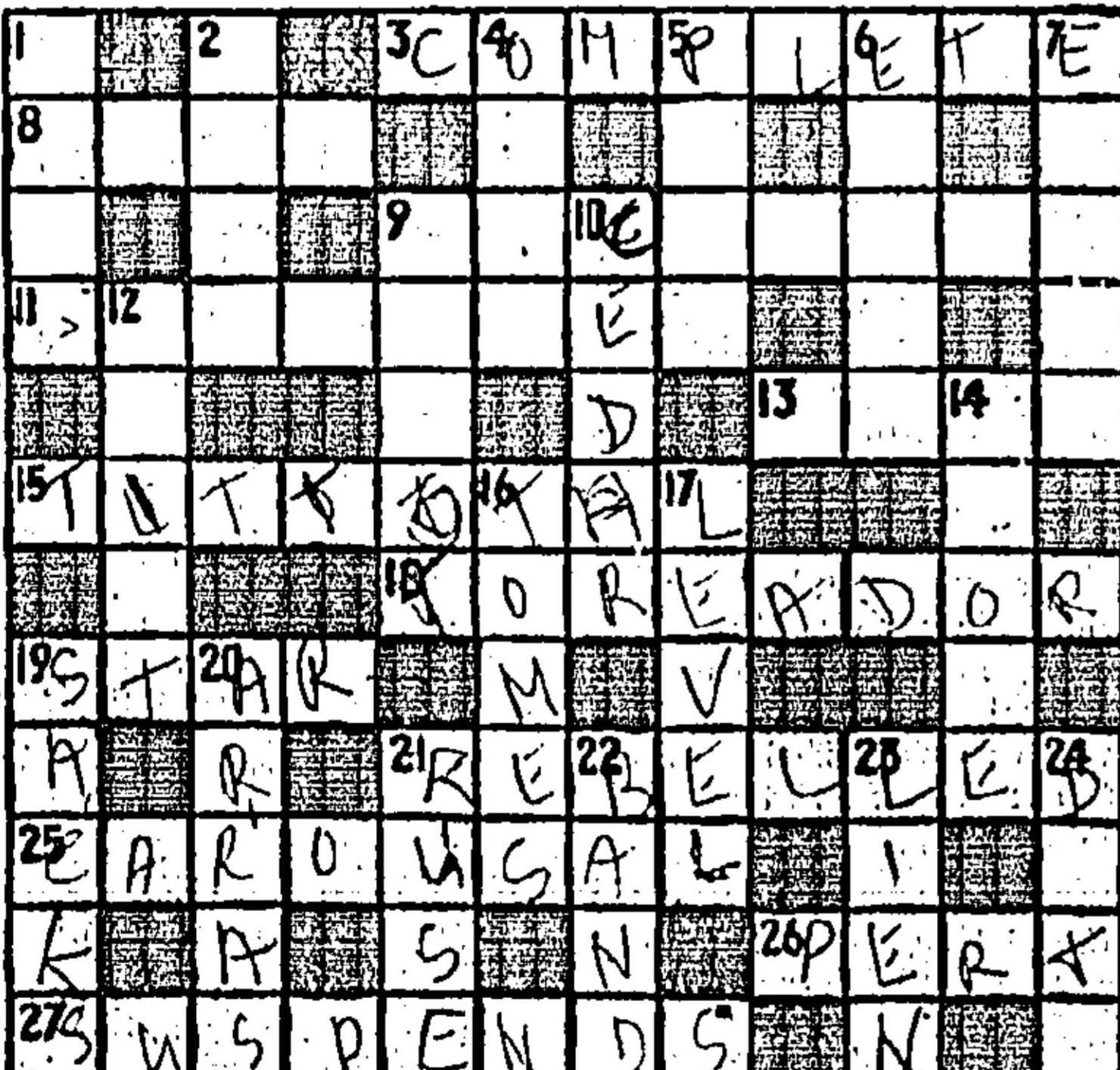
Even in those days, the Americans were interested in Russian armaments, the Radio said in a broadcast, drawing attention to a Leningrad exhibition marking 50th anniversary of the death of inventor S.I. Mosin.

I quoted the American Military Attaché writing to Mosin in 1891: "If you could send a sample of your new rifle to America it would prove profitable both to you and to your Government."

Mosin did not deign to reply, the Radio said. The rifle was then called "The Russian No. 1."

"Today Soviet inventors and ballistic experts are continuing the tradition of Mosin in designing the most efficient and up-to-date weapons," the Radio added. — Reuter.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



**ACROSS**

- 3 Absolute (6).
- 8 Victim (4).
- 9 Deed (8).
- 11 Made good (8).
- 13 Liberate (4).
- 15 Abstaining from alcohol (6).
- 16 Bully (6).
- 19 Heavenly body (4).
- 21 Mudlark (8).
- 25 Orgy (8).
- 27 Clever (4).
- 28 Hangs (8).

# MYSTERY ITEM AT PANMUNJOM

## Plenary Session Of Korea Truce Delegates

A PRINCESS AT  
PALACE DINNER

Munsan, Feb. 6.  
All the United Nations and Communist truce delegates will today (Wednesday) meet in plenary session to begin discussions on the "mystery item" of the Korean agenda.

At 10 a.m. today the delegates will start to discuss the fifth and final item of the agenda—"recommendations to governments."

There is speculation that the Communists may use the occasion to name three neutral nations to a behind-the-lines armistice inspection programme.

Among the nations mentioned were India, Indonesia, Egypt and Iran—all key nations in the tug of war between the East and West. Previously the Communists had mentioned only "neutrals" as Poland and Czechoslovakia.

The Communists are expected to view the discussions as a sounding board to the recent speeches made by the Russian Foreign Minister, M. Andrei Vyshinsky, and to bring up at least three demands:

1. The immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops from Korea.

2. An immediate political peace conference to blueprint the political future of Korea.

3. Re-establishment of the 38th Parallel as the political boundary between North and South Korea.

"We will be on the receiving end—receiving their principles." —United Press.

### RED CROSS SNUBBED

Geneva, Feb. 5.  
The North Korean authorities have refused to allow representatives of the International Red Cross Committee to visit prisoner of war camps in North Korea until an armistice is in operation.

In a letter dated January 12, 1952, M. Paul Ruegger, the Committee's President, asked the North Koreans to admit Red Cross representatives "to bring material and effective help to those in need."

M. Ruegger declared: "The International Committee must once again insist on being allowed to fulfil its traditional humanitarian duties."

The North Koreans replied by merely quoting a letter addressed to General Matthew Ridgway, the United Nations Supreme Commander in Korea, dated December 24, 1951, which stated that as soon as the armistice comes into operation "we propose that a mixed delegation be set up composed of delegates of the Red Cross Societies of the People's Democratic Republic of Korea and of the People's Republic of China and of the International Committee of the Red Cross."

"This delegation would be divided into different groups and visit prisoner of war camps on both sides and at the same time co-operate in arranging for repatriation at the exchange centres. If you agree to our proposal we ask you to transmit it to the International Committee of the Red Cross."

(Signed) Lee San Cho, representative of the delegation of the People's Army of Korea and of the People's Army of Chinese Volunteers." —Reuter.

### ADMISSION TO UN?

The Communists may also demand the admission of Red China and North Korea into the United Nations immediately. Shortly before 10 a.m. Vice-Admiral Charles Turner Joy will lead the United Nations delegation into the southern entrance of the main conference tent. Simultaneously, General Nam II will bring his delegation in through the northern entrance.

Vice-Admiral Joy will then present the credentials of the two new United Nations delegates—Major-General William Harrison, former Deputy Commander of the Eighth Army, and Korean Major-General Yu Jai-hung.

Nam II will then be given the floor to submit a "draft of principles on Agenda Item 5 as the basis of discussions by the plenary session."

The statement is expected to overshadow, at least for the day, the meeting of the armistice supervision terms and the prisoner of war discussions. Both groups marked time in the technical discussions yesterday.

He was quoted as saying this by members of his Christian Democratic Party who attended a party meeting which he addressed.

The Foreign Office denied that the Chancellor said this. Foreign observers, however, believed that this was the gist of Dr. Adenauer's remarks, even if the actual wording was more vague.

Allied officials said that the meeting also intended to discuss the treaty system, which will replace the European Statute and give West Germany near-independence. —Reuter.

Rear-Admiral R. E. Bishop and Major-General Lee Song-cho will open the prisoner of war discussions 15 minutes after the close of the Item 5 plenary session.

Staff officers discussing an armistice charter will meet after the plenary session to decide upon further meetings.

The full delegation meeting is expected to be short. It was called for 10 a.m. so as not to interfere with the meetings on an armistice charter and on prisoner of war exchange.

"We are meeting on Wednesday with a completely open mind," said a United Nations spokesman, Brigadier-General William Nuckles.

### Transfer Of Military Aid Funds

Washington, Feb. 5.  
President Truman informed Congress today that he will transfer \$478,160,000 of mutual security appropriations from military to economic funds for France, Greece, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. This includes \$300,000,000 which the Mutual Security Agency indicated will be extended as economic aid to Britain.

The President sent identical letters to the Chairmen of the Foreign and Armed Services Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives informing them that the decision would contribute "more to military strength in Europe than if the same funds were to be used to procure military items for delivery to countries."

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### Envoy's New Job

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President Truman said that he would never vote to approve Mr. Bruce, until the latter resigns his commission in a regular Army colonel. —Associated Press.

# May Break Diplomatic Relations

## U.S. CONSIDERING DRASTIC MOVE

Washington, Feb. 5.

The State Department said today that it will take a new look at the question whether to shut down American Embassies and Legations in Russian satellite countries.

Top American diplomats to Iron Curtain countries will meet in Paris early next month to discuss this along with other problems.

The United States at present maintains embassies in Poland and Czechoslovakia and legations, headed by Ministers, in Romania and Hungary.

Press Officer Michael J. McDermott confirmed at a news conference that the problem of whether to continue diplomatic relations has been placed on the Paris conference agenda.

In answering questions, he made it plain that the State Department under present conditions favours keeping these diplomatic outposts open to serve as "listening posts."

But he left open what the United States might do if Communist governments step up their campaign of restrictions and threats against American diplomats in Eastern Europe.

### ENVOY'S SUGGESTION

Mr. McDermott, in reply to further questions, said he believes the forthcoming review has no special urgency.

But responsible State Department officials, who disclosed the development before Mr. McDermott talked about it, told a reporter that an American Embassy has proposed the shutdown.

Up to now, the Department has endured Communist restrictions largely on the theory that such information as the diplomatic missions would provide about developments behind the Iron Curtain was better than no official contact at all.

It was understood that the idea to be discussed first is a plan to close down American diplomatic missions one at a time, and not simultaneously, as conditions demand.

The United States broke off diplomatic relations with Comminist-run Bulgaria on Feb. 24, 1950. But this was done only after the Government there virtually forced the Comminists by declaring the American Minister unacceptable on the ground that he was an American spy. —Associated Press.



Princess Sibylla at the dinner given by King Gustav Adolf and Queen Louise of Sweden for members of the Swedish Parliament at the Royal Palace in Stockholm.

— Express Service.

### Increase In Food Production Urged At Rangoon Talks

Rangoon, Feb. 5.

The US delegate, Merrill Gay, introduced a resolution before the UN Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) today calling for an immediate programme to boost food production in the ECAFE region.

The resolution urged member governments to supply the UN Secretary-General and Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) pertinent agricultural information as requested and to utilise UN technical facilities as fully as possible in carrying out agrarian reforms.

A. H. Boerma of the FAO told the Commission that failure of world food production to keep up with increasing population has created a gloomy outlook for the hungry masses of many countries, particularly in the Far East.

Home-grown food supplies in this region are 40 per cent less per capita than before World War II, Mr. Boerma said.

He urged all governments to draft agricultural development plans aimed at increasing food production to the point where it will be 12 per cent a year higher than the percentage growth of population and so achieve some improvement in nutritional standards.

Among them was Senator Alberto Candioti, former Ambassador to Mexico and Japan, and the President of the Buenos Aires City Committee, Lieutenant-Colonel Gregorio Pomar, the announcement stated.

According to unconfirmed reports about 40 people have been rounded up in the last 48 hours and charged with conspiracy.

Among them was Lieutenant-Colonel Francisco Suarez, who had already been held for several weeks in connection with an alleged plot against the Peron regime last June, these reports said.

No official information is available.

Last Saturday an official communiqué claiming a truce between President Peron and the Argentine Socialists was denounced by a Socialist official a few hours after it had been issued.

The communiqué said that Socialist prisoners would be released and the Socialist organ, La Vanguardia, closed. In August, 1947, would be permitted to reappear.

But later the Socialist Party's acting General Secretary, Senator Muniz, issued a letter addressed to Party members saying that the Party's attitude to the whole "totalitarian régime" remained unchanged.

It warned members against "misleading statements."

The Socialists, in prison on political charges, are understood to number 20 or more.

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### Secret Report By Acheson

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The Senate Armed Services Committee today got a buckhanded report from the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson, on why the United States decided to pay Hungary \$120,000 for the release of four American fliers.

The Committee heard Mr. Acheson behind closed doors. Senator Lyndon Johnson (Democrat, Texas), the acting chairman, and afterwards that the members would no doubt give consideration to the information provided. —Associated Press.

### Fresh Evidence Of Medieval London

London, Feb. 5.

Excavations in World War II's bomb-ravaged historic mile-square City of London have thrown up fresh archaeological evidence of the ancient capital in Roman times.

The new discoveries—the result of excavations conducted by the London Roman and Medieval Excavation Council—confirm and amplify discoveries made in 1950.

Sufficient excavations have now been made in the Cripplegate area to prove the existence of a fort built to command roads north and west while the province was still being conquered by the Romans. Dimensions and date of the fort have now been established.

Experts conclude that the fort was built in the first century A.D. and was surrounded by a ditch which was still open in the mid-second century. The fort was dismantled and the ditch filled in at a date not

known. The fort's dimensions are from an east to west width of 230 yards and a north to south length of 250 yards. Experts conclude that the fort was built in the first century A.D. and was surrounded by a ditch which was still open in the mid-second century. The fort was dismantled and the ditch filled in at a date not known. —United Press.

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## She Was A Ball Of Fire'

From R. M. MacCOLL

Washington. I USE the term "ball of fire" with no slightest thought or disrespect in writing of Miss Anne Morgan, sister of the fabulous banker, J.P., who has just died at Mount Kisco, New York, aged 78.

I came across Miss Morgan several times in France at the start of the last war:

A woman of electric, sparkling energy, she was wearing the uniform of the American Relief For France organisation. Her black eyebrows contrasted with her white hair, topped off by a felt hat worn at rather a rakish angle.

But this was only one of some 50 philanthropic enterprises with which she was associated during her busy lifetime.

Once she told a women's gathering in New York: "I never had any creative ability—just a trudging capacity."

BILL BANGERT, of Berkeley City, Missouri, had just about everything. Extremely good looking, brainy, and well-proportioned, he was an outstanding football and athletics star at Missouri University.

But that adage about the gods and those they love came partly true. Bill is now nearly blind of a rare disease. But, showing that he has courage as well as everything else, Bill is competing in the national events of the one sport which he can still tackle—shot-putting.

THE CONGRESSMEN really snubbed poor Attorney-General Howard McGrath. It was bad enough deciding that they were going to investigate him and his Department.

But really rubbing it in, they kept him waiting in an anteroom for an hour or so and then refused to let him appear to state his case. This is the first time in the memory of the oldest hands in Congress that a Cabinet member has been so roughly treated.

HATS OFF to Mrs Otto Huppenheimer, of New York City. Celebrating her 100th birthday she came up with a welcome switcheroo on the usual platitudes. Quoth she: "I play cards. It's a new game. Very difficult. But I like it."

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## THERE AND BACK BY BROOMSTICK

No. 1 nominee for Mistress of the Outspoken Word reports on getting home safely from Brightest Broadway to Not-so-Luminous London.

### A TALE OF TWO CITIES... by HERMIONE GINGOLD



ROBB presents a broomstick version of London's most famous stage satirist.

I HITCHED my broomstick to the back of the Queen Mary boat-train and off I flew to London Town. Forty of my most intimate friends were standing on the platform at Waterloo waiting to greet me with open claws.

There was also a young man from the BBC, in official Portland-place uniform of bowler hat, rolled umbrella, and shiny blue overcoat. He invited me to appear that evening in "In Town Tonight," and before I could say "How much?" was plucked in neatly with: "The BBC would like you to accept a spray of flowers."

I wonder what they do with the flowers if the invitation is turned down?

I was going to say: "I'd rather have the dollars"—one thing I've learned: dollars is money, only more so—but I remembered in time it's bad form to bring up the subject of money with the BBC.

Thus, with my social life so conveniently arranged, New York has much to offer in the way of creature comfort. And I'm old enough a creature to like comfort.

#### BBC HUSH

BROADCASTING HOUSE, after the noise and nonsense of the NBC (I never found out what the letters stood for) seemed as lively as a mausoleum.

However, the sound of English voices fell easily on the ear.

In the studio were Herbert Wilcox and Anna Neagle. She looked very regal, and acted very graciously—all those films about illustrious ladies are bound to tell on a woman in the end.

I declare—a figure of speech I borrow from my coloured maid—that the best way to buy a stamp in New York is to book a room at an hotel and ask the head porter to post your letter for you. Cost of stamp then works out at around £10, inclusive of service charge.

London, bless it, does have post offices.

But look what New York has....

The Frick Museum, for example—one of the most attractive art collections in the world—where your surrender to culture is a little distracted by the fact that when you look away from the exhibits you see a man

standing in the corner with a gun in his hand.

I wonder, before G man is employed....is there a formal board meeting of the directors of the gallery to determine the gun-worthiness or otherwise of their treasures?

But yes, indeed—look what New York has....

The beguiling notices in Central Park which say simply: "THESE LAWNS FOR PASSIVE USE ONLY".

The radio announcer who starts off the day to encourage us with his advice: "Ladies don't throw away your old diamonds."

A law of libel so sleepy and a sense of publicity so alert that my lawyer there said apropos some printed comments which were pure vitriol: "Miss Gingold, the thing that matters is they've spelled your name right."

People with wide-open, staring eyes, which appear to revolve, are usually insane.

If they also have small, cold noses they may be insane pekingese; if combined with long noses, hairy pointed ears and long tongues, insane anteaters; if the eyes are also big and prominent, insane cows.

But if you see somebody with popping eyes and flapping ears listening at a keyhole, it will only be a gossip columnist doing his normal work.

London Express Service

Hur—I took a good look at past. Even the theatre was more glorious "in the past," I think. In New York Lillian Gish and I were swapping stage experiences. We've both been stranded by bogus managers, changed in unspeakable dressing-rooms and all the rest—but loved every moment of it (well, nearly every moment).

Yet just before I left England (I told Lillian) I ran into some chorus girls who were picketing the Empire Theatre in Leicester-square.

I was horrified. I stopped and said: "Girls, do you think Sarah Bernhardt would have done this sort of thing? You're rogues and vagabonds, not trades-union pickets."

#### AFTER HOURS

UNION hours! Now there's a thing....

First day I was back a friend, dressed from head to foot in black, called to bring me some flowers. (I'm rather worried about those flowers, now I come to think of it.)

She said she'd just been to a cremation. It was a Saturday. The service finished and the relatives were waiting for the ashes to be taken somewhere and scattered to the winds in accordance with instructions left by the dear departed.

Then the gentleman in charge announced: "No use waiting. Can't scatter the ashes now. It's my half-day. You'll have to come back...."

"Come back!" said an astonished relative.

"Yes, we'll scatter 'em on Monday."

#### PRAWN-HAT

THE unexpected happens in America, too, especially in Florida. Miami is a trick done with mirrors.

Madam flings a milk coat over her swim-suit to go shopping. Madam must not be surprised if, while she is gazing in the jeweller's window trying to make up her tiny mind whether she shall buy a ruby or a diamond collar for her poodle, a coconut falls on her head, and knocks her half-conscious.

Western civilization and the jungle have met and married in Miami, and the coconuts falling off the trees to blit the millionaires are there just to remind you that the jungle wears the pants.

Not to be outdone, I went to a cocktail party there in a hat trimmed with prawns. The only comment it caused was, "Honey, that's just peachy keen, but lobsters would have suited you better."

There's one bit of unfinished business I would have liked to settle before I left.

It would have been mostatisfying to have taken Dorothy Parker to lunch and asked her to supply me with a hand-grenade of cracks for use at my next meeting with Gertrude Lawrence.

I saw Gertie (she hates being called that) a backhandier. I saw her in New York and said: "Darling, isn't it hot tonight?" She said: "Yes, dear. How lucky you are NOT to be working."

#### FINALLY—

DID I make any impression on America? Well, when I arrived in the States the frenzied worship of youth was the order of the day.

I was there only two years and look what's happened. The Adoration of the Gravy—from Grandma Moses (who started painting at 78), to Monroe—is now the craze.

On my next trip I hope to start the cult of the great grandmother, with a clingy leading the parade of patriotic pin-ups.

And now I'm home. I find myself very dearly my coloured maid Mabel who looked after me as if I were an idiot child and she was ma's mammy. I always felt we were acting in a scene from "Gone with the Wind," and we cried a good deal when we said goodbye.

I have engaged a man servant straight from a palace in Venice. I am wondering if I shall be able to live up to him...

Two policemen called on me to pay their respects, to the "most burgled acre" in London.

They said: "We read you were back from America, and we just wanted to make sure that everything was all right."

I think London's policemen are wonderful.

## Sitting on the Fence... by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

she's got a wooden leg.

Can't a guy have a girl friend without all this beefing?

Yeah. A guy can. A guy can have a girl friend with Comph and rheumatism, with it and a wig, with Zing and a wooden leg. That's what a guy can do.

Greet the spring

....can give ladies treatment in facial massage to restore color and freshness in time to greet the spring.

When all the world is seventeen and you look ninety.

But, eh, the years shall roll away with cream and massage-ing.

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## JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Clever Deception Set  
This Declares

By OSWALD JACOBY

I tried to name the most even-tempered and good-natured of the truly great bridge players, I'd make myself one friend and lose a dozen others. It can do no harm, however, to say that a leading candidate would be Sidney Silodor of Philadelphia.

It's hard enough to find anybody who has seen him make a blunder, but it's impossible to find anyone who has heard him say a harsh word. That's pretty nearly a record, considering the strain of top-flight tournament play.

If you happen to play against him in the national championships at Detroit during the first week of December, don't expect any gifts. He plays a mighty tough game. For example, take the hand shown to cards in which Silodor beat the East.

Silodor's bidding was a bit bumpy, but the final contract was reasonable enough. South could expect to ruff once or twice in dummy, discard two clubs or dummy's extra spades, and give up only one trump trick.

When West opened the queen of hearts, South was unwilling to make a trump guess immediately. Instead, he played three rounds of hearts first, hoping to gain some helpful information.

After taking the ace and king of hearts, he ruffed the third heart

NORTH		16	
AQ	10		
V A3			
Q 10 9 8			
K 7 4			
WEST		EAST	
6 3		♦ 8 5 4 2	
Q 9 8 4 2		7 5	
6 3		♦ K J 2	
4 Q 3		♦ J 9 5	
SOUTH (D)			
AK 7			
V K 10 5			
♦ A 7 5 4			
♦ A 10 6 2			
Both sides vult.			
South	West	North	East
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
INT.	Pass	0 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		
Opening lead—♦ Q			

with the dummy's eight of diamonds. Silodor, holding the East cards, casually discarded the deuce of spades.

Now South was happy—for a short time. He had gained the helpful information that East could not over-ruff the dummy. Evidently (South believed), West had the king of jack of diamonds.

So South promptly took the ace of diamonds and led another diamond toward the dummy. This gave Silodor two trump tricks, exactly as he had planned.

It is interesting to note that South, in his desire to win, had let Silodor had over-ruffed, dummy on, the third round of hearts. Declares must then plan to take the diamond line through East for the king of diamonds; and when this finesse succeeds, the slam is cold cold.

**CARD Sermon**

## • BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

I AM not at all sure that I understand a recent statement that the idea of an elephant sitting on a hen's egg would only be ridiculous if the whole weight of the elephant were allowed to rest on the egg.

But suppose it could be done, what would be the result?

Is British pea-pushing in

the doldrums?

JUVIE WASHERBOCKER,

an American pea-pushing star,

arrived at London Airport yesterday

from America, her two brothers,

overseas and a host of admirers.

After her nose had been photographed from every angle she said:

"Gee, folks! Just lead me to Evans' Hotel and I'll show 'em how I do it."

Later, she pushed a pea-pushing fan

in the West End, at Nostril House.

"This is the biggest change to British musical comedy since the Demon Turk won the Conservative Shield from Fred Snellpiece."

Miss Washerbocker is to star at the London Palladium Hall next week.

She will push a pea to specially composed music. But isn't this getting rather close to ballet?

**YOUR BIRTHDAY** ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

BORN today, you have a definite gift for the written work. Your imagination and ability to portray what pictures will be a splendour to your happiness.

Develop it early and you should meet with a quick success, especially in youth or your flirtatious attitude might be misunderstood.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday, sit back and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birth day star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—You can learn to be economical in your shopping and still get everything you want.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)—Participate in some community project and win the approval of your neighbours.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Newcomers at the office or in your neighbourhood may appreciate your friendliness.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—A good day to buy home furnishings or new equipment for the office. Good bargains.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24-Oct. 22)—Coordinate on a necessary job during the day so that when evening comes you can relax.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—You can't visit a friend then a letter or telephone call can renew the contact.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good day for some serious study on a topic that can prove highly profitable.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You should be able to find real bargains if you are shopping for ward-

robe additions.

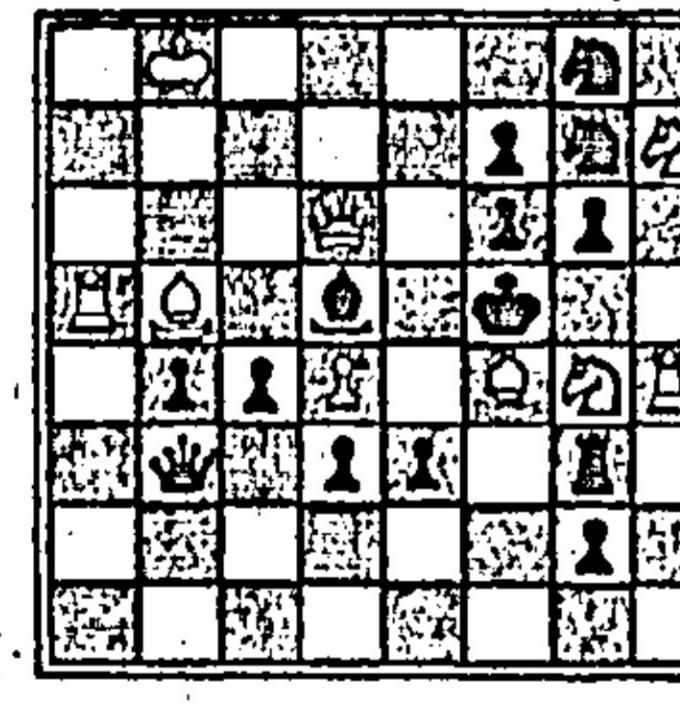
**DUMB-BELLS**

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## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. ELLERMAN  
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—You Couldn't See Her, But You Could Hear Her!—

By MAX TRELL

IT was a very curious thing. Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were walking toward the brook. They were not surprised, as they neared the spot where the Old Willow hung over the water, to hear the voice of their friend King Nep. He was talking to someone. For the moment, the thick, low-hanging branches of the Old Willow hid King Nep and his companion from their sight. But they could tell from the sound of the voices that King Nep was talking to a girl.

"Are you feeling well?" they heard King Nep saying.

And the girl's voice answered: "Well."

"Isn't the weather beautiful?" said King Nep.

"Beautiful!" answered the girl.

Sitting on a Rock

By this time Knarf and Hanid reached the other side of the Old Willow. They found King Nep sitting on a rock at the edge of the brook. But this was the curious thing. They couldn't see anything of the girl. They couldn't see anything of anybody except little King Nep himself!

King Nep, hearing the noise of footsteps, turned around to greet Knarf and Hanid. "Welcome, welcome," he said to them cheerfully. "I'm glad you came. I'd like you to know a friend of mine."

"Oh, we heard you talking to someone," Hanid said.

"It sounded like a girl," said Knarf.

King Nep smiled. "That's right. It is a girl. She's right here."

Knarf and Hanid looked around. They still saw nobody.

"She's sitting right here beside me," said King Nep.

"But—but no one is sitting beside you at all," said Hanid, beginning to think that perhaps King Nep was trying to fool them.

"Nice," said Echo.

"Well, we have to go now," said Hanid.

"Now?" said Echo.

## King Nep's Invisible Friend

—You Couldn't See Her, But You Could Hear Her!—

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"But—but no one is sitting beside you at all," said Hanid, beginning to think that perhaps King Nep was trying to fool them.

"Nice," said Echo.

"Well, we have to go now," said Hanid.

"Now?" said Echo.

## Rupert and the Pine Ogre—1



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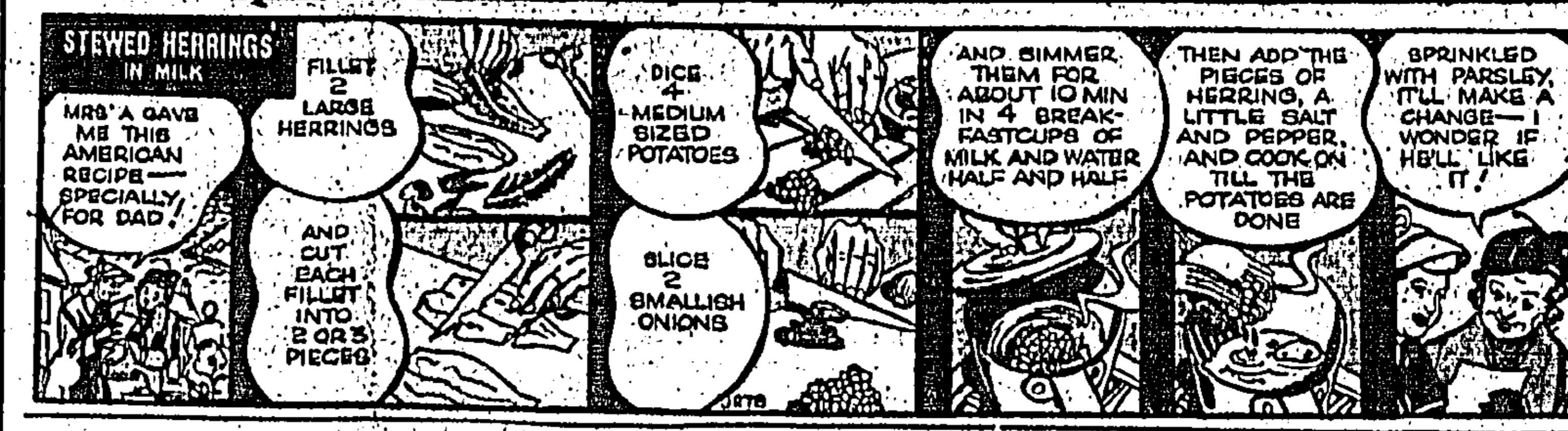
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# A CHANGE IS AS GOOD AS A REST—SO NEWCASTLE AND LEYTON ORIENT FOUND

By TOM FINNEY

*As the old maxim says, a change is as good as a rest. But most of the teams which took part in the fourth round of the FA Cup last weekend followed another old maxim: "There's no place like home."*

As Leyton Orient were not beaten at Birmingham, Newcastle won at Tottenham and West Ham were not knocked out by Sheffield United, the change-as-good-as-a-rest policy had some pretty good evidence to support it. For Orient, Newcastle and West Ham were three of the five teams who went away prior to their matches for a change of air.

Bristol Rovers and Southern United were the other two clubs whose players went away from home. As they were drawn together, Southend's victory at home proved nothing.

I ideas on the subject of special training for big occasions have changed in recent years. Even in my time as a professional footballer the number of clubs which have embarked on scalding holidays and intensive training have become fewer and fewer.

There are many reasons for the change, some of them economic. A party of 15 or 10 could go to the seaside for a week in January before the war for £50 or £60. Nowadays the figure would be nearer £200—if not more.

But another explanation is that many players do not like being unsettled from their normal life. After all, some of us sometimes travel 500 miles there and back for one match.

#### STAY-AT-HOME TRAINING

With certain exceptions I am very much in favour of stay-at-home training. As I have written before, I do not find it difficult to keep football-fit once the early-season effort has been made.

I set myself the task of keeping the body "ticking over". And I enjoy following a quiet routine—football, day-by-day work at my job of plumbing, and the usual home life of a family man. If I did nothing beyond play football for a living, my opinion might be different. The other job keeps me happy and contented.

The exceptions are the very big occasions like international matches, when pre-match gatherings are extremely important for tactical reasons, and Cup Finals or semi-finals, although I have never reached those exciting stages of the F.A. competition.

Mr Stan Seymour of Newcastle, said that his players wanted to go away and that they put forward one excellent reason—to escape from the people who were pestering from the people who were pestering

#### LADIES' GOLF

**Mrs Wai Wins Eclectic Competition**

The eclectic competition conducted by the ladies' section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was won by Mrs John Wai with a score of 74-5½, nett 68½. Mrs P.S. Cassidy was runner-up with a score of 74-4½, nett 69½.

Mrs H.J. Armstrong won the bogey competition played over the Chinese New Year holidays with a score of 2 up on the new course.

Mrs A.M. Brown was winner of the L.G.U. monthly medal in the bronze division with 95-22, nett 73. Mrs Brown was also one of the players to qualify for the Captain's Cup with 92-22, nett 70. Mrs J. Collis was the other player to qualify with 91-19, nett 72.

Fixtures for the Spring Meeting have been arranged as follows:

Tuesday, March 18, morning: Men's round, Old or New Course.

Wednesday, March 18, morning:

Afternoon: Approach and putting on green, New Course.

Morning and afternoon putting competition on putting green.

Details and conditions of play are posted in the clubhouse at 7.30 p.m.

The New Clubhouse will be open to ladies during the Spring Meeting and bookings may now be made for overnight accommodation.

**Quarter-finals Of Squash Tourney Today**

The third round of the Colony Open Squash Championship was completed on Monday evening and the following quarter-final matches will be played at Victoria Squash Court today:

5.30 p.m.—Holmes v J. K. Wilson; Cook v Tyler.

6 p.m.—Bosanquet v Pease Watkin; Garnett v Pritchard.

One semi-final match will be played at 6 p.m. tomorrow and the other at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 11, with the final on Monday, February 11.

So far there have been no upssets in the championship and the four-sided players, Bosanquet, Tyler, Holmes and Pritchard have won their early-round matches without undue difficulty.

#### Asian Tennis Tournament

Colombo, Ceylon, Feb. 5. Frank Sedgeman, Australia's homecoming tennis star, easily won his second round match in the Asian Championships today. Holding a lot in reserve, Sedgeman trounced Cleman Ebert of Ceylon 6-0, 6-3, 6-0.

In the first upset of the tournament, R. Kamo, Japan's third ranked player, was beaten by R. W. Ferdinand, 15-year-old Ceylon schoolboy who is Junior Champion of the Island.

The scores were 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.

Kamo, obviously affected by the oppressive heat, tired quickly and netted many of his shots. Associated Press.

#### ★★★ A SEAT IN THE STALLS ★★★

#### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL



This is Ursula Thiess, acclaimed by Hollywood as "the most beautiful girl in the world," taken at a cocktail party given in her honour in London.

Miss Thiess comes from Hamburg, Germany, and was spotted by Hollywood when her picture appeared on the cover of an American magazine.

She arrived in the film colony last year, went to a dramatic art school, and amazed everyone with the rapidity with which she learned English. Note the large bracelet.—Central Press Photo.

#### JEAN SIMMONS' MOTHER SPEAKS

## "Give My Daughter's Marriage A Chance"

Mrs Winifred Simmons, widow in her early fifties, has four children—a son and three daughters.

Admittedly, some of the grounds in Egypt and Syria were not very good. But I was learning all the time. I was getting experience in a tough and capricious school. And any of you who play games will know that more can be learned in a match against a better opponent in tennis, lawn tennis, golf and other sports than in a dozen games against someone you can beat.

There may be differences about training at home and training at the seaside and there are great differences about the amount of training necessary but there can be little doubt that experience is the best school of all.

It's A Perfect Runner-Up

Says SUE DAWSON

America winning the last

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The United States is pushing ahead with "psychological and unconventional warfare" programs to help underground movements in Communist nations according to Representative Charles Kersten.

The Wisconsin Republican told a news conference that a project is under way to spend tens of millions of dollars and the Government has already advanced pretty far in one phase of the plan.

Mr Kersten was not at liberty to reveal the details of the plan. They are secret, he said, and must remain secret.

The Government should abandon its containment policy," Mr Kersten said, "and join hands with the victims of Communist oppression."

He called on the nation to develop a "policy of liberation for Communist-enslaved peoples."—United Press.

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## The Colonies &amp; Food Problems

London, Feb. 5.  
The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, believes a flow of savings into the development of Britain's own soil and the wealth which lies in the Colonial territories is of utmost importance if food production is to be increased.

"Wherever you look, that is what is needed," he said, addressing the Basingstoke branch of the National Farmers' Union.

## METHOD OF PAYMENT THE SNAG

Tokyo, Feb. 5.  
Industrial circles today said that current negotiations for the purchase of 100,000 tons of scrap iron from Indonesia are facing considerable difficulty.

Keen attention is being focused on what form of payment will be made for scrap to be imported by Japan and how Indonesia will pay for the 90,000 tons of steel products which Japan is to ship in exchange for scrap.

A sub-committee of the Iron and Steel Federation, set up to study the problem of payment, yesterday invited International Trade and Industry Ministry officials for an exchange of views.

Indonesia has demanded that Japan pay in dollars for scrap while Indonesia will pay in Pounds Sterling for the steel products which it intends to import. This, these circles point out, will bring about a further piling up of Pounds Sterling which Japan already possesses in excess.

Meanwhile the United States is expressing considerable anxiety over the import of Japan's steel products by Indonesia because of the possibility that Chinese merchants in Indonesia may export them to Red China—France-Presse.

## Record Output Of Rayons

New York, Feb. 5.  
Domestic rayon and acetate yarn production reached a record peak in 1951 but producers' stocks swelled to 108,600,000 pounds, an increase of nearly 1,000,000 compared with 1950.

Rayon and acetate production figures do not include non-cellulose base manufactured yarns and fibres such as dyed, nylon, protein fibre, saran, etc., which in the aggregate produced an estimated total of 210,000,000 pounds in 1951, an increase of 34 per cent. compared with 1950.

World rayon and acetate production last year also set a new all-time record, with a total of 3,000,000,000 pounds estimated for all producers on the globe, which is a gain of 13 per cent. compared with the previous record established the year before. The U.S. production in 1951 constituted 38 per cent. of the world total against 30 per cent. in 1950 and 17 per cent. in 1939.—United Press.

## Tobacco Crop In South Africa

Washington, Feb. 5.  
The unofficial forecast of South Africa's 1951-52 tobacco production was 12 to 10 per cent. less than the official crop estimate for the previous year, the Agriculture Department reported.

The unofficial forecast is 40 to 42 million pounds, compared with the official estimate of 47,700,000 pounds for the previous crop year. The reduced total production is primarily due to the change in the type of leaf produced, plus unfavourable growing conditions including storms, which destroyed about 3,000,000 pounds.—United Press.

## Foreign Exchanges In NY

New York, Feb. 5.  
U.S.\$0.99-1.16/18

Canada 2.7814

England official 2.7714

Unofficial 2.7714

Today futures 2.7714

90-day futures 2.22

Australia 2.7814

New Zealand 2.7814

South Africa 0.9981

Belgium 1.455

France 0.028-0.10

West Germany 4.29

Holland 2.630

Ireland 1.405

Norway 0.370

Portugal 0.265

Spain 1.221

Switzerland 1.221

Middle East 2.8814

Egypt 0.3125

Iran 2.81

Iraq 0.375

Latin America 0.005

Argentina 0.000

Brazil 0.000

Bolivia 0.000

Chile 0.000

Colombia 0.000

Mexico 1.00

Peru 1.155

Uruguay 1.455

Central Amer. 2.000

Fiji Islands 2.000

India 2.000

Pakistan 1.750

Hongkong 1.040

Indonesia 1.040

Singapore 1.040

Japan 1.750

Malaya 1.040

PIC Malaya 1.040

United Press 1.040

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## US Investigates High Price Of Newsprint: Committee's Charges

Washington, Feb. 5.  
Sub-Committee charged today that international price-fixing agreements have inflated the cost of wood pulp, a chief ingredient of paper products.

At the same time, the Mutual Security Agency told the Special House Sub-Committee on newsprint that Economic Co-operation Administration funds did not cause increased U.S. exports of sulphur, another important newsprint ingredient.

The Monopoly Sub-Committee charged that American users are faced with high prices mainly because a "Scandinavian pulp cartel," representing mills in Norway, Finland and Sweden, has conspired to fix the prices for pulp sold within the United States.

The Congressmen also said there is hearsay evidence that Canadian pulp producers have engaged in price-fixing activities and that individual mills in Sweden even attempted to get United States producers to join in similar agreements.

The Sub-Committee said the Scandinavian cartel was helped in fixing prices by its American agents who, with the others, have organised the Association of American Wood Pulp Importers.

The report said: "This Association has discussed prices at its meetings and recommended uniform pricing practices to its principals abroad and served as a vehicle for transmitting collective pricing decisions of Scandinavian producers to their agents in the United States."

The Sub-Committee charged that the Association has also tried to prevent importation of paper from Scandinavia that might disturb its alleged price-fixing activities.

While its evidence on the Canadian price-fixing is entirely circumstantial, the Sub-Committee said, "It nevertheless suggests that the Canadians . . . have not been guided by the broad principles of the anti-trust laws in their dealings within the United States."

As regards sulphur exports the Director of the Mutual Security Agency's materials branch, Mr. T. L. Sweet, told the Newsprint Sub-Committee that increased foreign purchases of U.S. sulphur began long before E.C.A. funds were being distributed abroad to bolster the economies of the friendly free nations.

The Sub-Committee, headed by Mr. Beckworth, held hearings last September on the newsprint shortage. At the same time, Canadian newsprint makers said that they would not be able to furnish their full quota of paper unless they were assured of more sulphur.

The United States produces about 90 per cent. of the world sulphur supply.

In a letter to Mr. Beckworth, Mr. Sweet showed by charts that a large increase in sulphur exports to the European nations occurred in 1947, before the E.C.A. programme began. Since then, he said, there has been a steady decrease in sulphur exports.

"I believe profoundly there is no contribution so great or so valuable to this country, or to the Sterling Area, than this one of growing more food,"—London Express Service.

NOT ECA'S DOING  
U.S. sulphur exports from 1947 through the first six months of 1951 to all countries outside North America totalled 3,497,000 long tons. E.C.A. funds, he said, had financed 5.1 per cent. of the total.

Despite this, Mr. Sweet said, "we do not believe one can assume that increases in the U.S. export of sulphur can be attributed to the E.C.A.'s activity."

Foreign countries would have found dollars to buy sulphur from other sources because they needed it for sound economic purposes.

World production of sulphur-bearing pyrite fell to a new low immediately after World War II.

Mr. Sweet said U.S. sulphur was of the highest quality and much cheaper, to foreign sources dropped their traditional sources of pyrites. These sources now are being built up again, especially in Spain, Mr. Sweet said.

United States sulphur exports to the E.C.A. countries increased from 109,400 long tons in 1939 to 569,300 tons in 1947. Since then, Mr. Sweet said, there had been only a slight rise in exports and they totalled 282,000 tons in the first six months of 1951.—United Press.

## LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Feb. 5.  
The tin market was firm this morning. Turnover was 110 tons, all for forward positions.

Prices closed at the end of the morning session as follows:

Spot 1.0216  
1-month 1.0204  
3-month 1.0204  
6-month 1.0204  
12-month 1.0204

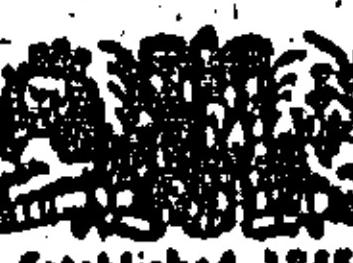
Three-month tin 1.0204

Business done at 1.

Streamline Filters

ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT CO. LTD.  
116, A Shanghai Bank Building, Tel. 27739

# CHINA MAIL



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## Skating In The Lake District



Snow and hard frosts in the Lake District recently produced perfect conditions for winter sports and tobogganning on the hills and skating on the Lakes were popular last weekend. Picture shows skaters on the ice at Rydal Water.

## Foreign Policy Debate

(Continued from page 1)

than last October (when the general elections were held), Mr Freeman said.

He contended that a date should be fixed for Britain to get out of the Suez Canal Zone.

The United Nations should be asked to decide how to protect it.

"It is the end of the colonial era," he said. "We have to advocate a new relationship based on the independence of those hitherto subject countries."

Mr Robert Boothby (Conservative) said that without British and American participation in a continental army they might find in two or three years that it was being directed by a revived German General Staff.

It would be very difficult to persuade the French people or the Germans to accept even the possibility of the creation of another Wehrmacht whose only objective must be to recapture the lost eastern provinces.

He thought that Germany should have been brought into the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and a comprehensive defence organisation for NATO as a whole devised.

Jennie Lee, wife of Mr Aneurin Bevan, contended that a world war was nearer because of Mr Churchill's visit to America.

"It is impossible to read the American Press and the Press of the world without knowing that whatever his intention, he has given the impression that he is ready to take part in a great campaign against Communism," she declared.

### MP'S SUGGESTION

Mr Walter Fletcher (Conservative) urged that some British troops in Korea should go to Indo-China.

The outcome of Communism in the Far East would be settled in Indo-China, he said.

There was no natural barrier against Communism between Indo-China and the Middle East.

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## Court Of Appeal Upholds Sentence

An appeal against severity of sentence brought by Chung Ping was dismissed by the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, and the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, this morning.

Appellant was found guilty of robbery with violence and larceny from the person and sentenced by Mr Justice Scholes to five years and six strokes of the cane on December 5.

## 2 Years For Possession Of Revolver

Kwok Fat, alias Shiu San, a hawker, was sentenced to two years imprisonment by Mr Horace Lo at Kowloon Court this morning for the possession of a .38 revolver and four rounds of ammunition without a licence.

Mr Justice Gould observed that appellant was arrested in July and remanded a great number of times before he was brought to trial. This fact probably occurred to the Trial Judge when he passed sentence of only five years, he told appellant.

Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, appearing for the Crown assisted by Det. Insp. W. E. Thomas, said that owing to pressure of work at the Magistracy, the Magistrate was unable to give an earlier date for the committal proceedings.

Counsel said that appellant seemed to be telling a different story now to the Court. He had previously told the Police that his parents had died in 1943 and after he had no home and no relatives in the Colony.

Insp. Dewar said that the defendant was challenged at Tai Po Lai village on the afternoon of January 20 when the revolver, loaded with four rounds, was found on him.

The defendant said that he was acting in conjunction with another man and they were going to bury the revolver.

## Made False Declaration

For making a false statutory declaration, Wong Tung-ching, alias Willy Tong-ching Heng, 52-year-old manager of the Eastern Company, of room 213 Union Building, a native of Swatow, was fined \$400 by Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning.

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## Gambler Stowaway

A young shoe-maker, who had lost all the money he had in Macao in gambling, had to stow himself away on board a vessel in order to return to Hong Kong.

Chan Lam-hin, 21, the shoemaker, was found hidden in the steerage compartment by a watchman of the mv Tai Loy yesterday morning and was handed over to a Hong Kong Police Inspector on arrival of the ship.

At the time of his arrest, \$2 was found in the stowaway's possession.

Brought before Mr Poon Yan-hoi at Central this morning, he was fined \$75 or three weeks when he pleaded guilty to a charge of being a stowaway.

Enquiries by Police revealed that defendant left Hong Kong for Macao on February 2 to visit a friend and while there he lost \$300 in gambling.

## SOLDIER SUCCESSFULLY APPEALS AGAINST CONVICTION New Facts Presented To Full Court

**Kenneth Albert Leonard, 28-year-old Private in the 1st Battalion, The Wiltshire Regiment, who was sentenced to four years on December 13 last for robbery was set free by the Full Court of Appeal this morning.**

Leonard, accused of robbing a married woman, Chan Pui-chun, 27, of her handbag in Mody Road on the night of September 29, was originally unanimously found guilty by a Jury and sentenced by Mr Justice Scholes.

Quashing the conviction and setting aside the sentence, the Chief Justice, Sir Gerard Howe, with whom sat the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice Gould, remarked at the conclusion of submissions made by both Crown and Defence Counsel, that the Court had reached the conclusion that the trial had been unsatisfactory and was convinced that had the fresh facts been available to the Judge and Jury, the latter would inevitably have come to a different conclusion. It could not have been otherwise because neither the Prosecution nor the Defence were in possession of those facts at the trial.

Mr V.L.J. D'Alton, instructed by Major A.N. Hicks, Deputy Assistant Director of Army Legal Service, appeared for the appellant. Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Sub-Inspect. C. G. March,

from December 16 until the end of the year.

Their Lordships would note from the depositions that room charges in the hotel were \$18 a day and the complainant had stated that her total income was \$100 a month and that by

charity.

### LIVED WITH WITNESS.

Further inquiries revealed that the woman had never stayed at 28 Junction Road, second floor.

A marine hawker living on the ground floor denied that she had ever resided there. It was next

found that the complainant was actually living with Poon Sik-wai, a prosecution witness at an address in D'Aguilar Street.

Poon had stated in evidence that he had not seen the woman before the night of the alleged crime.

### SEVERAL UNTRUTHS.

Crown Counsel conceded that the complainant had told several untruths.

He said that Poon would also confirm that he offered his bedspace to the woman while he was engaged as night watchman in Kowloon, but would deny they were living

as husband and wife.

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### POLICE RAID

On the early morning of December 12, Police raided a hut in Fuk Wah Village in Kowloon City. The Police were from Shamshui-poo and not Inspect. March or the CID was in charge of investigations into the alleged robbery.

Continuing, Counsel said that when Leonard was arrested he refused to say anything at all. It was not until some time later that he made a statement which was referred to in the trial. It must be quite clear to any fair-minded person that had any of the facts he would have naturally instituted inquiries.

It was an unfortunate thing but it did not alter the devastating effect upon the fairness of the trial.

The accused testified that the woman accused him and it was known that there had been a previous conviction. Thereupon Mr Blair-Kerr supplied Counsel with all particulars regarding that.

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The question of the credibility of the prisoner and the complainant if his claim of right was well founded in good faith, the violence that was used was immaterial as far as the charge was concerned.

An investigation of the register of the hotel showed that the lodger at the relevant date was one Chang Kar-Por and he had been there from November 13 to December 12 and again

the fresh facts had been led at the trial. After citing

authorities Mr D'Alton submitted that it was quite impossible to say that the Jury would not inevitably have been in doubt had those facts been known.

Mr D'Alton said it was an unfortunate case which happened through mischance and added that the trial was not fair or satisfactory.

Counsel then asked that the conviction be quashed on new trial ordered.

Replying, Mr Blair-Kerr dealt with the points set out by Mr D'Alton and said that his instructions were that the woman Chan had not at the material time and never had lived at 28, Junction Road, second floor. She was actually living in a hut in Shamshui-poo, and when she was arrested there she gave a wrong address because she wanted to keep from the Police and her relatives the fact that she was a heroin addict. If called to give evidence, she would say that her husband did not go to Formosa three months prior to the robbery but that he actually died there three years ago. She had met Poon for the first time after the alleged crime.

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## Telephone Service For Cheung Chau

About 18 months ago it was first decided to put the island of Cheung Chau on the 'phone, and now arrangements are almost completed. In the 'Operations' room of Telephone House, two new red wires are proving themselves; it is expected that by next Monday the testing will be over, and the two radio telephone links to Cheung Chau open.

Cheung Chau has a 'manual' switchboard, the operators being residents who will keep the service open 24 hours a day. The charge of having a telephone there will be the same as in Hongkong—\$250 for the first year and an annual subscription of \$200 thereafter. Local calls will be free and unlimited; calls to Hongkong and Kowloon a dollar for three minutes or "part thereof" as the regulations are worded.

So far there are 34 subscribers, and the Telephone Company anticipate more when people have had a chance to see how well the system operates. They expect up to 100 subscribers.

It is chiefly to serve the produce merchants and the fishing community who populate the island that these lines are being opened.

Tal-O village on Lantau Island have probably just heard about Cheung Chau's new acquisition, for they now want a telephone service! Whether or not they get it will depend on how well the Cheung Chau service works, but it will be more difficult taking lines to Lantau because of the high hills.

Slam, Burma, Pakistan, Great Britain, Europe, 8 a.m., via G.P.O. and at London, 8 p.m., via C.P.A.